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Letter dated 2 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated 1 November 1993 from H.E. Olexandre Slipchenko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of the delegation of Ukraine at the 1993 session of the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament.

I would be grateful if you could make arrangements to have this letter and the attached document circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 73 (b).

(Signed) Victor H. BATIOUK

Annex

Letter dated 1 November 1993 from the Head of the delegation of Ukraine at the 1993 session of the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament

The delegation of Ukraine to the Conference on Disarmament is deeply concerned with the increased incidence of this highly esteemed international forum being used by the delegation of the Russian Federation for furthering polemics on the matters pertaining to the Ukrainian-Russian bilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament, which take place outside the framework of the Conference. The tone of discourse and the manner of action deliberately chosen by the Russian delegation runs contrary to the tradition of constructive debate at the Conference on Disarmament.

This was the case with the publication, on behalf of the Russian delegation, of the text of two agreements signed by the Governments of Ukraine and the Russian Federation, "On the utilization of the nuclear warheads" and "Basic principles of the utilization of the nuclear warheads of strategic nuclear forces located in Ukraine", issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/1225).

These documents have been submitted to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament by the Russian delegation unilaterally, without prior official consent of the Ukrainian side. This does not correspond to the usual practice of the United Nations and other international organizations in relation to the official publication of the documents of a multilateral character concerning the interests of more than one party.

I would be most grateful if you could find an appropriate way of conveying the content of this letter to the member States and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Olexandre SLIPCHENKO
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Head of the delegation of Ukraine at the 1993
session of the Conference on Disarmament